

Attachment to:  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of the Budget

ATTENTION : [REDACTED] 25X1A  
Chief, International Division

SUBJECT : Project [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A When the Project known to the Bureau of the Budget as [REDACTED] was discussed with the President and approved by him on 20 July 1959, the presentation included a statement of technical objectives believed to be attainable. These expectations of accomplishment, including both technical radar characteristics and vehicle performance, were based on extensive feasibility studies undertaken prior to that date, the results of which had been reviewed by a panel of external consultants. The approval then granted obviously presupposed that the anticipated results would be achieved, so it was felt desirable six months after full-scale initiation of the Project to review the work so far accomplished in order to determine whether, in the light of the additional information acquired in extensive tests and measurements, the original objectives still appeared to be valid. Such a review was undertaken in a series of meetings on 20 and 21 January 1960 by: the CIA Project Director, USAF technical representatives, and Drs. Edwin M. Land, Edward Purcell and H. Guyford Steever acting as special consultants. The result was favorable in that the evidence presented, which was far more definitive than that available at the time of the original decision, strongly supported the conclusion that the objectives discussed with the President could be substantially achieved. Accordingly, the Agency is proceeding with the Project.

SIGNED

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